

Letter (no. 1057) from the Main Health Office (district medical office of the Trakai district), signed Paskevicius, to the Regional Commissar Vilnius-Country, Wulff, (received 12.7.1942) dated 8.7.1942

Subject: Burial of corpses and carcasses

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Reference: Ministerial Decree of 30.4.42 – Il.c. 3186

To the Regional Commissioner Vilnius-Country in Vilnius

Respond to the letter of 16 June 1942 as follows:

*1. Traken community.*

In an easterly direction 2 km from Traken, 1 km from the village of Wornicken, 1 km from the forest, 1 km from the lake, in a sandy hollow, there is a Jewish mass grave, 80 m long, 4 m wide and 4 m deep.

*2. Semelischken community.*

In a northerly direction 1 km from Semelischken, at the edge of the forest, 50 m from the road, 2 km from the Stréva River on a sandy knoll, there is a Jewish mass grave, 30 m long. Drainage in the direction of Semelischken.

*3. Zesmaren community.*

- 1) In a northerly direction 3 km from Zesmaren, on land belonging to the village of Trilischken, 1 km from the road Zaslen-Zesmaren, on a sandy knoll there is a Jewish mass grave, 33 m long.
- 2) In a northerly direction 5 km from Zesmaren, 2 km from the road Kaischedoren-Zesmaren, at the Bladukischer Forest, there is a Jewish mass grave, 30 m long.

The mass graves were strewn with chlorinated lime and covered with earth in 1941. In the spring of 1942 the graves were uncovered, strewn with chlorinated lime, covered with a layer of earth up to one meter high and fenced in.

Individual graves

*1. Kaischedoren community.*

1) In a southerly direction 2 km from Kaischedoren by the road Kaischedoren-Zesmaren, lying low in the forest, there is a grave with 8-10 corpses, which is covered with a layer of earth up to one meter high.

2) At the village Palomene 12 km north of Kaischedoren next to the road Palomene-Zaslen, there is a grave with 8-12 corpses.

*2. Zaslen community.*

In a northerly direction 1 km from Zaslen on the road Zaslen-Gegusien, there is a grave with 15-20 corpses. The grave is covered by a layer of earth up to one meter high.

*3. Rudischken community.*

In a northerly direction 3 km from Rudischken, 200 m from the road Traken-Rudischken in the forest, there is a grave with 15-20 corpses. The grave is covered by a layer of earth of up to one meter high.

In 1942 I sent a letter to the district head in Traken, informing him that he was to instruct the community leaders of the Traken district to have all those corpses and carcasses yet to be placed in a grave to be buried in the spring. Furthermore, the already existing graves were to be checked and improved. It was also noted that the community leaders were to be instructed on how to proceed in the future with regard to the above-mentioned cases.

Translated by Paul Bowman